

PROXY CLIENT APPLICATION DATAGRAM INTERMEDIARY **APPLICATION** DATAGRAM SOURCE DATAGRAM **APPLICATION** DATAGRAM

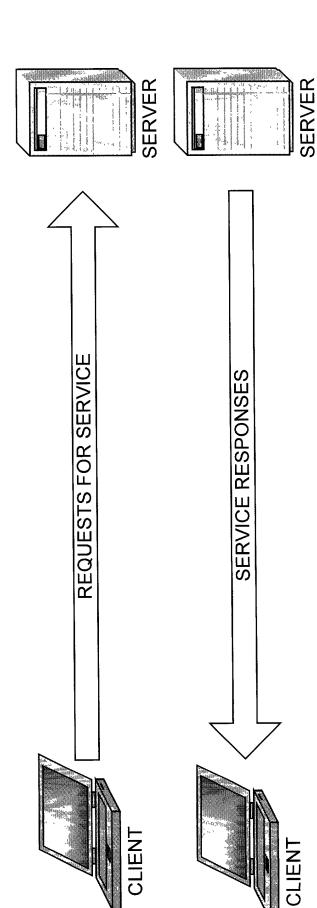


FIG. 2

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SOURCE DATAGRAM

MODIFIED ROUTER

INTERMEDIARY

PROXY CLIENT

NETWORK DATAGRAM

NETWORK DATAGRAM VIRTUAL ADDRESS HEADER

NETWORK

NETWORK DATAGRAM

PROXY CLIENT DATAGRAM

INTERMEDIARY

DATAGRAM

GRAM

CLIENT

REQUESTS FOR SERVICE

SERVER

CLIENT

SERVICE RESPONSES

SERVER

FIG. 3

APPLICATION LAYER (HTTP, SMTP, POP3, FTP ETC..)

TRANSPORT LAYER (TCP, UDP)

NETWORK LAYER (IP, ICMP, IGMP) LINK LAYER (ETHERNET, SERIAL LINK)

THE 4 NETWORK LAYERS

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EMBODIMENT 2: NETWORK-TO-NETWORK COMMUNICATION AT NETWORK LAYER

EMBODIMENT 1: POINT-TO-POINT COMMUNICATION AT APPLICATION

LAYER

FIG. 4

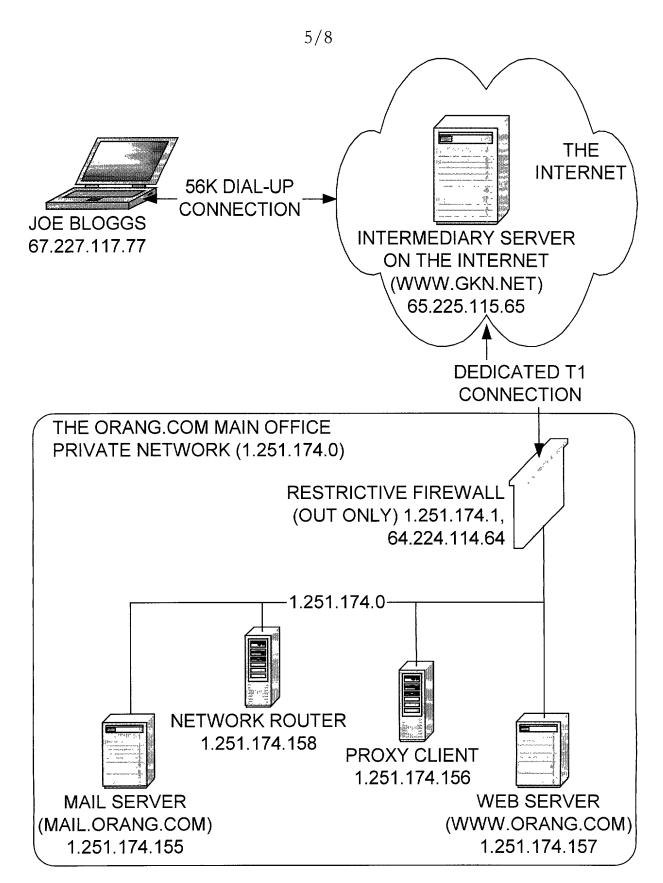


FIG. 5

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